

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NEWS RELEASE

For more information contact: Betty VanDeventer at 402.471.4537 or betty.vandeventer@nebraska.gov

April 7, 2011

STATE ED BOARD ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL CENTERS

Before- and after-school programs will soon open at eight new sites in Nebraska. These federally-funded programs provide extra help for students in reading, mathematics and other studies.

The State Board of Education approved grants for the following new programs:

- Collective for Youth, also known as the Middle School Learning Center Initiative in Omaha, received a \$190,700 federal grant for programs at Lewis & Clark Middle School and King Science and Technology Magnet Middle School.
- Crete Public Schools received a \$196,875 federal grant for a program at Crete Middle School.
- Nebraska City Public Schools received a \$225,000 federal grant for a program at Nebraska City Middle School.
- Papillion-La Vista Public Schools received a \$258,000 federal grant for programs at Golden Hills Elementary School and La Vista West Elementary School.
- York Public Schools received a \$140,250 federal grant for programs at York Elementary School and York Middle School.

In addition, seven quality programs at 14 schools across the state will continue to receive federal grants for 21st Century Community Learning Center programs. These grants are available for five years. The programs are:

- Alliance Public Schools' programs at Emerson Elementary School and Grandview Elementary School received a \$54,000 federal grant.
- Bethesda Urban Community Development Corporation in Omaha with a program site at Lothrop Elementary School received a \$50,000 federal grant.
- Chadron Public Schools' program at Chadron Middle School received a \$50,000 continuation federal grant.
- Omaha Public Schools' programs at Belvedere Elementary School, Highland Elementary School and Sherman Elementary School received a \$129,150 federal grant.
- Omaha Public Schools' programs at Franklin Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, Miller Park Elementary School and Saratoga Elementary School received a \$147,600 federal grant.
- Plattsmouth Community Schools' program at Plattsmouth Elementary School received an \$85,233 federal grant.
- Santee Community Schools' programs at Santee Elementary School and Santee High School received a \$50,000 federal grant.

The primary goals of 21st Century Community Learning Centers are improved student learning, increased social benefits and positive behavioral changes as well as increased family and community engagement in Nebraska schools. Over the past nine years, the Nebraska Department of Education has awarded federal grants for students at 108 different sites in 30 Nebraska communities.